



THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US | AUGUST 2021



We asked you to join us.
YOU CAME.



We asked you to stand with us in supporting the most vulnerable in our community.

YOU WERE ON YOUR FEET.



We asked you to raise the paddle to help us change lives.

YOU RAISED YOUR PADDLES HIGH.



GALA RESULTS

Over 290 guests convened August 13th at the Jayhawk Club to learn more about the services of the Ballard Center. They sang along with the preschool children, applauded the resiliency of a Ballard parent, cheered the determination of a current Ballard client, and witnessed the legacy of Teresa Treanor being honored. They were charmed by the fabulous Ms. Deja Brooks and inspired by the generous acts of kindness in our community. In turn, the guests heard the call to change lives and responded with generous donations totaling over **\$260,000!** **Thank You For Your Support of the Ballard Center!**



Photos (top): Becky Price, Ballard CEO shares Ballard's resilience during the Covid era; Board member Greg Gardner and his wife Gina enjoy a laugh at the Gala

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Chef TK and Emily Peterson
Edgecomb Auctions | Evan Williams Catering
John Sebelius | Lauren Ostrow
The Mad Greek | Merchants Pub
Gary & Angie Rexroad | Kathleen Sebelius
Nancy & Scott Thellman | Paula Martin

Please go to Ballard's website at ballardcenter.org to view the beautiful Gala photos compliments of photographer **Rebecca Fox**.

GALA ACTIVITIES



Two Raffle Baskets including gift cards to 12 local restaurants were up for grabs Friday evening. Guests took their best shot at winning the prize at this incredibly popular Gala game.



Guests had the chance to win a diamond from Gala Sponsor Marks Jewelers.



The Silent Auction was a hit as guests flocked to the tables to place their bid on over 15 items generously donated by our wonderful community.



More Gala Photos (from top): Emcee Deja Brooks entertained guests on and off the stage; Lauren Ostrow sings a tribute to her mother Teresa; Mark and Lester Edgecomb rally the Fund-A-Need bidding; Paula Martin enjoys the Live Auction bidding; Mike Treanor receives a standing ovation from the crowd after his \$100,000 donation to the Teresa Treanor HOPE Fund.

BALLARD CELEBRATES SUCCESS AT THE CHANGING LIVES GALA

Thank You for helping us Change Lives! The guests attending the August 13th Gala learned about the vital services the Ballard Center provides and gathered a better understanding of how these services make our community better.

Several speakers illuminated the significance of Ballard's impact:



Hillary shared her family's story of going from a donor to a client in the snap of a finger. Hillary was a Ballard donor with a six figure income that walked out the door when her husband decided to leave the family. In a matter of weeks Hillary and her beautiful children were facing homelessness. Ballard was with her every step of the way, ensuring bills were paid and that Hillary had the family stabilization supports necessary to get her feet back on solid ground.



Jasmine shared the story of her family overcoming the odds while never losing faith in themselves. Jasmine's son attends the Ballard Center and when she was diagnosed with cancer in June of 2020, Ballard stood by her family's side and ensured their bills were paid, their son had a scholarship to attend Ballard, and their family received presents under the tree for the Holidays. Jasmine has overcome the odds and is now cancer free! Ballard was with them every step of the way.

Lauren sang a tribute to her mother Teresa Treanor that received a standing ovation from the crowd. With the support of Teresa's family, Ballard established the Teresa Treanor HOPE Fund.



Brad Finkeldei Hero of the Year Award

The Brad Finkeldei Hero of the Year Award winner was none other than Michelle Chronister. The list of support Michelle provides Ballard is endless. From renovating bathrooms, to serving on the family stabilization committee, to providing energy clearings and massages to teachers on the front lines absorbing secondary trauma, Michelle truly is a cornerstone of the Ballard Family.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SAVE THE DATE

September 25th REV IT UP! HOT ROD STREET FEST



SAVE THE DATE
For the 2022
Changing Lives Gala
June 3, 2022

